

## House Resolution No. 3403

**Whereas**, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri citizen who has distinguished himself through excellence in the workplace; and

**Whereas**, Ronald W. Cates of Holt Summit, Missouri, will officially retire from the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services on July 1, 2005, after a successful career that has spanned an incredible twenty-one years; and

**Whereas**, Ronald Cates has successfully completed the many duties and tasks placed before him throughout his impressive tenure as Chief Operating Officer, prior to which time he served the Department as a Health Program Representative I, HPR II, HPR III, Communicable Disease Coordinator, Coordinator for Health Contracts, District Health Manager, Deputy Department Director, and Acting Department Director on three occasions; and

**Whereas**, in 2004, Ronald Cates was instrumental in developing a multi-state telehealth emergency response system in coordination with the Southern Governor's Association linking state health departments, medical schools, academic centers, laboratories, and research centers to provide a full range of communication from the Internet to real-time video; and

**Whereas**, Ronald Cates dutifully served his country in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War and later received his Bachelor's degree in Biology from Arkansas State University; and

**Whereas**, Ronald Cates has compiled an enviable list of service to such important organization as the East Carter County R-II School District, the Region 11 Missouri School Board Association, Three Rivers Community College, and the Community Park Board; and

**Whereas**, Ronald Cates has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include his devoted wife, Kay; and his two daughters, Kimberly and Rhonda:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, unanimously join in expressing our utmost appreciation to Ronald Cates for his twenty-one years of unparalleled service to the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Ronald W. Cates.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Danie Moore  
District No. 20

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3403, adopted May 17, 2005.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker